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## Idaho Milk Production Up 3.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2010 totaled 933 million pounds, a 3.7 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 9 percent from January 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. January 2010 milk production was revised to 1.03 billion pounds, up 7 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in February 2010 was 1,690 pounds, up 50 pounds from February 2009. The average number of milk cows during February was 552,000 head, up 3,000 from February 2009, and up 1,000 head January 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from February 2009. January revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from January 2009. The January revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,640 pounds for February, 35 pounds above February 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 168,000 head less than February 2009, but 3,000 head more than January 2010.